whether Maharashtra Government have agreed to the institution of the probe;

(b) if so, the details of the report if any since submitted by CBI; and

(c) the details of the persons since apprehended both from within the country and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A decision in principle has been taken to handover the inquiry to CBI and the agreement the Maharashtra Government to the institution of such probe by the CBI has been received.

(b) No report has been submitted by CBI so far.

(c) 142 persons have since been arrested in Maharashtra in connection with the bomb blast case. No arrest has been made abroad.

Eliminating terrorists fundamentalists nexus

334. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the annual conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police on May, 13, 1993 the Prime Minister called for maintenance of high alert to eliminate terrorists-fundamentalist noxus; and

(b) if so, what success has since been achieved in identifying, noticing and eliminating the precise nature and extent of nexus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The PM emphasised the need for high alert against the prime threats to national security like Terrorism, Fundamentalism and Drugs and Arms trafficking.

(b) The Centre has rendered full assistance to the State Governments in taking necessary steps to counter these threats. In Punjab a very significant success has been achieved in curbing terrorism and militancy and comprehensive and integrated measures are on to deal with the comulative threats referred to at (a) above in other areas as part of a continuing response.

Doctor-Prisoners nexus at Tihar Jail in Delhi

335. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a doctor-prisoner nexus at the Tihar Jail in Delhi has been idenified; facilitating crimes like abductions and kidnappings being managed from the jail by jail inmates and delay in culmination of trials being perpetrate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the functioning of jail affairs and to clear up its administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has reported that no such nexus has come to its notice.

(c) Several measures have been taken by the Administration to improve the conditions in Tihar Jail including construction of more jails; augmentation of water supply; improvement in the sanitary conditions; improvement in the medical facilities; increased security arrangements; and educational and vocational training.

Establishing democratically elected Govt. in J & K

336. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision to assign greater role to the army in fighting terrorism in Kashmir and to hand over specified highly sensitive terorist-ridden areas in the valley has since been taken, to

effectively contain and curb terrorism and to restore a situation suitable for holding general elections and establish democratically elected Government in that State;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what results have so far been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Army has always been deployed in the border State of J&K and with the advent of militancy and terrorism in the State, has also been involved in anti-militancy operations, as an aid to civil authorities alongwith the Para Military Forces and the State Police. No specific areas have been handed over to the army. Efforts are being made to bring about greater integration and coordination in the operations of these forces with a view to dealing with the terrorists effectively and reducing the fear of the gun among the people. As a result of these efforts significant successes have been achieved against the militants. More than 2000 militants including 624 this year have been killed, including a number of their senior leaders and local Commanders. Large quantities of arms and ammunition, including about 1000 riffes of the AK Series, have also been recovered, so far.

Custodial deaths

337. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state state:

(b) the details of custodial deaths and other custodial crimes, incldding rapes on women and girls during custody, during January, 93 to June, 93 in Delhi and other Union Territories;

..(b) the comparative figures of such crimes during preceeding four quarters of 1992;

(c) what are the reasons for this increasing trend of such cases; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Incidents of rape by security forces, personnel

338. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of rape on innocent women by the Security forces, personnel have risen manifold in Jammu and Kashmir and recently many soldiers have been arrested in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to prevent incidents of rape on women by personnel of Security forces in the Kashmir Valley; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to rehabilitate the rape victims of the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) It is completely incorrect to say that incidents of rape on innocent women by the security forces personnel have risen manifold in the recent past. Wherever any isolated cases come to notice immediate inquiries are conducted. As a result of inquiries in one such case, where a women was alleged to have been raped on 25 May, 1993, four personnel were arrested immediately and court Martial proceedings launched.

Strict instructions have been issued that if any such cases come to notice, severe action will be taken against the concerned persons under the Law.

दिल्ली पुलिस के कर्मियों द्वारा बलात्कार के मामले

339. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान दिल्ली पुलिस के कर्मियों द्वारा कितनी